

Klanlike White Mob Flogs Cleric

3 Carloads Of Men Seize, Beat Preacher In Alabama

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — Three carloads of white men early last week seized a Negro minister as he was returning home from church, bound his hands and flogged him unmercifully, Sheriff Carl A. Griffin reported. Hospitalized in "fair condition,"

after the beating was the Rev. T. D. Wesley, who said the men jumped him as he was returning here from Siluria, Ala., where he had preached a sermon.

Rev. Wesley said the mob demanded information about Negro integration leaders in Alabama. When he refused to talk, the men shackled his arms with two pairs of handcuffs, placed a rope around his neck and legs, and "horsewhipped and beat him with belts all over his body."

One of the men wore a "Klan" mask, said Rev. Wesley, adding that the Ku Klux Klan may have a hand in the affair.

According to Rev. Wesley, the beating occurred in a wooded area near Siluria. He said he was left in the trunk of his car, but managed to free himself.

low-budget movie, this is an excellently photographed movie as any coming from the major Hollywood studios. In case you can't see the photography was handled by Jack Ezra of the Jackie Gleason Shows. He comes in for a real howl.

non-rock fan, you should find it interesting and entertaining.

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"Rockin' The Blues," New Movie, To Feature Nation's Top Artists

Fans of the Rock 'n' Roll beat are in for a full hour of the "razzest" sounds when "Rockin' The Blues," a new \$150,000 musical comedy is released nationally. Produced by the Fritz Pollard Associates, the new movie was given a private showing recently at 55th Street Playhouse to test reaction to the film venture.

The movie, which features all the top stars of the current Rock 'n' Roll sensation, has such stage and platter names as Ruesha La Rue, Connie Carroll, The Wanderers, Hurricanes, The Harptones, and the Miller Sisters.

On hand for comic relief in a series of between number skits is Mantan Moreland of Charlie Chan movie fame and F. E. Miller.

PLENTY OF MUSIC
Fast-moving and song-checked, the movie rock 'n' rolls along just as the title implies, with Moreland and his side-kick Miller involved in a bit of backstage intrigue, frightening the chorines and getting chased by a stage doorman.

While all of these routines are not as funny as they should be, the comedians are skilled enough to get more out of the materials than is actually there. After all, the spotlight is on the music and there's plenty of it.

Set in a Broadway theatre house, replete with a big happy audience, the movie is a kind of a filmed variety show, notwithstanding the inevitable master of ceremonies, and in this instance the casting director has chosen as personable M. C. as you will be likely to find

anywhere. He is Hal Jackson, disc-jockey for WLIB, who cleverly rhymes his introductions.

ACROBATIC DANCE
Connie Carroll gets the movie off to a bouncy start with the appropriately titled ditty, "Rock in Roll is the Latest Fad." Pearl Woods gets a round of applause for a kitchen number about a lazy man, with Billy Washington of the Two Zephyrs doing a show-

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